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(*d*) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the legitimate interests of the landowners of the foreshore?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) to (*d*) The information is not readily available. A report is being called for from the Superintending Engineer (Food Production) and on receipt of his report the matter will be looked into."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" With due deference to the Hon. Minister, may I know where the need was for including this question in the list of questions for to-day if the required information was not available? Further, I have given notice of a short-notice question. In view of the fact that the officials concerned are acting high-handedly, terrorising the villagers and contributing to the growth of hostilities between the residents of the two villages, I would request the Hon. Minister to take the matter on hand and see how best he could solve the problem."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The mistake lies with the hon. Member himself. He asked me to waive notice and I waived notice in good faith. But the information is not readily available. Having himself asked me to waive notice, he puts the blame on me now."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know when this question was admitted by the Speaker for answer by the Minister and why there should be delay? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member gave notice of a starred question. Since he gave notice of a short-notice question also on the same subject, the Hon. Minister has answered the starred question giving the position with reference to that matter."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am not concerned with the short-notice question. I am concerned only with the inclusion of this question in the list of questions for to-day when the Hon. Minister is not in a position—I mean no offence to him personally—to furnish the details."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This answer was given because the hon. Member gave notice of a short-notice question on the same subject."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Assembly cannot switch on to the convenience of one Member."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Sri Vinayakam has not understood me properly. The hon. Member gave notice of a starred question. Since he gave notice of a short-notice question also on the same subject subsequently, the Hon. Minister has answered the original starred question with the particulars that he had on hand."